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MUNICIPAL RECYCLING DIVIDENDS TOTAL \$650,000

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Finley announces that 25 partnering municipalities will receive dividends totaling \$650,000 for participating in the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Dividend Distribution Program.

“I am pleased to be able to provide our local government partners with rebates for their participation in this program,” said Finley. “It is a successful venture that provides the residents in those communities with an important cost-effective service. Residents have shown their support by their participation in the recycling program.”

The self-sufficient program is supported without tax levy dollars. Instead, it uses grant funds received on behalf of participating municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to coordinate program education and to process recyclable materials at the MRF, which opened in 1991 and was expanded in 1996.

Since its start, 268,200 tons of newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, office paper, glass, plastic bottles, and cans have been collected and processed for recycling. About 24,000 tons are processed annually from over 85,000 households.

Finley said, “The returns that our partners receive is due to the fact that they had the foresight to invest in our program, which collectively seeks to improve operational efficiencies. Together, we have been able to reduce the cost of solid waste management by eliminating service duplication for the good of our environment.”

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“Municipal Recycling Rebates Total \$650,000,” continued...

As a result of efficient program operations, higher market revenues for recycled materials in recent years, and continued grant funding, municipal rebates range from \$ 1,537 to \$151,722.

The chart below lists rebate allocations.

Municipal Recycling Dividend Distribution:

Villages:

Big Bend	\$ 4,242
Chenequa	1,548
Dousman	3,202
Eagle	5,236
Elm Grove	41,535
Hartland	29,133
Lac La Belle	1,537
Merton	4,600
Nashotah	4,220
Oconomowoc Lake	2,294
Pewaukee	30,953
Wales	5,727

Towns:

Brookfield	25,576
Delafield	15,875
Lisbon	27,281
Merton	3,390
Oconomowoc	7,016
Summit	24,182
Waukesha	12,434

Cities:

Brookfield	119,186
Delafield	18,572
New Berlin	34,175
Oconomowoc	51,993
Pewaukee	24,371
Waukesha	151,722

For more information about the MRF or the Dividend Distribution Program, please contact Meghan Walsh in the County Executive’s Office at (262) 548-7902.

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